(SRI D. M. SIDDAIAH)

(*g*) whether Government, in view of the seriousness of the situation have thought of directing its authorities to pull up resources by adopting methods like stopping of the construction of bridges and buildings and taking up the new roads and such other methods to meet the demand for the irrigation projects ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes. On 3rd December 1968.

(*b*) (i) The excavation for foundation and concreting for masonry dam is almost completed. The construction of masonry is in progress. About 40 per cent of the earthen embankment has been laid and other works are in progress.

(ii) Rs. 383·32 lakhs up to end of December 1968.

(iii) The total estimated cost is Rs. 2,480 lakhs.

(*c*) (i) During December 1959.

(ii)

Year.		Rs. in lakhs.
1958-59	...	5.25
1959-60	...	25.50
1960-61	...	25.79
1961-62	...	24.00
1962-63	...	33.00
1963-64	...	37.72
1964-65	...	39.29
1965-66	...	56.50
1966-67	...	47.00
1967-68	...	66.27
1968-69	...	60.00

(*d*) Work will go on as scheduled and more funds may be provided, if available.

(*e*) Time of completion depends on the availability of funds.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) A Committee of the Members of the Legislature is being constituted to study this aspect.

Withdrawal of Levy Cases

291. Sri P. B. NANDIHALI (Uchgaon).—

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any levy cases have been filed against the farmers in Belgaum taluk ; if so, the number of farmers involved ;

(*b*) whether any promise was made by the Hon'ble Minister to withdraw the levy cases ;

(*c*) if so, the steps Government propose to take to withdraw the levy cases ?

Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Yes ; 29 cases.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Government have decided to withdraw the levy cases launched against the growers, who subsequent to the filing of prosecutions have paid full quantum of levy due from them, depending on the merits of each case.

Construction of Bridge at Panjattur

302. **Sri B. BHASKARA SHETTY** (Kaup).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the construction work of the bridge at Panjattur in Udipi taluk, South Kanara District was started ;

(*b*) when the said construction work of the bridge was cancelled and the reason for the same ;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that the villagers and the representative of the said constituency are urging for the construction of the said bridge since 1962 ;

(*d*) whether they have prepared the estimated cost in respect of the construction of the said bridge ;

(*e*) if so, when the construction of the said bridge will be started ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Not yet started.

(*b*) In August 1967.

Cancelled due to shortage of funds.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Depends upon the Financial position.